

# DOLORES RIVER COLORADO

**Project Name:** Dolores River Tamarisk Removal Project

**Project Type:**

- Large Landscape
- Restoration (Invasive Species Control)
- Recreation (Fishing and Boating)
- Species Recovery (Southwestern Willow Flycatcher)
- Youth



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**Project Description:** The Dolores River Partnership was formed in 2008 and is a two-state, citizen driven partnership with the goal of restoring approximately 200 miles of the Dolores River from McPhee Reservoir to its confluence with the Colorado River in Utah. Project goals include improving public safety, the removal of tamarisk and other noxious weeds, improving fish habitat, the development of education and stewardship opportunities, and expanding opportunities for youth employment.

This citizen driven project is focused on restoring riparian vegetation through the removal of tamarisk and other invasive species along the Dolores River and the planting of native cottonwoods and willows. Youth groups will assist with invasive species control and native species planting. Tamarisk removal and native vegetation plantings will reduce the risk of wildfire, increase in-stream water flows, and improve stream bank stability thus improving habitat conditions for native fish species.



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**Lead Federal Agencies:**

- Bureau of Land Management
- Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Non-Federal Partners:**

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Utah Division of Wildlife
- Gates Family Foundation
- Walton Family Foundation
- Tamarisk Coalition
- The Nature Conservancy

**Outcomes for 2012:**

- Conduct invasive species control
- Restore riparian habitat with native vegetation